

# KILLING A TOWN.

One of the curses of a small town like ours is a disposition on the part of many to patronize other towns with what work they have to let out or with orders for goods.

Another way is to gouge the stranger within our gates. If a stranger comes to a town and puts up at a hotel and pays one price for indifferent grub and a local man gets a better rate, that stranger will pass the word along and everybody will avoid will avoid the town as much as possible. It is the same if he hires a team or has work done, or buys anything and is overcharged. He hates to lose money but he hates worse the idea of being preyed upon and cheated.

Petty jealousy and spite is a bad thing in a small town. Men in the same business often fall out over their efforts to secure the most patronage from a limited number of patrons, and this marks a feeling that brands the town with its own smallness.

Gossip is very interesting sometimes when it deals with people we know. But it is apt to raise Cain and cause people to quit a town. It is the hope of many an honest burglar to see his town grow big enough so certain villagers cannot root out every bit of scandal in the town. The friction caused by gossip does not tend to the building up of a town. If an enterprising citizen brings a man with capital to a small town, and if the man with capital to invest inquires of the neighbors as to the character of his correspondent, he is apt to have his character painted so black that the man with capital draws off. Whereas, as a matter of fact, the enterprising man has simply waked feelings of dislike in the village gossip, and is no better nor worse than thousands of other business men.

These are a few of the things that impress themselves on the mind of an observer of a small town, as things the better class are taking care of another class.

We think our town is particularly free from these things and that the town is fast putting on airs of a place of more than local importance.

It is to be hoped that we have put all these small things behind us and will press forward to the time when we will have the best town in the Greenbrier Valley.

## THE STORY OF A JAIL.

Recent events have brought the county jail into prominence. Since the county was formed we have had three jails, each of which was built to be a very Bastille of safety. They have all fallen far short of that noted prison and strange to say that as the jails become apparently more secure the more escapes are made. The modern structure at Marlinton has in the seven years of its occupancy let out more prisoners than any of the other structures in a like time. The reason seems to be that the jail is so strong, such a mass of iron and steel, that the jailer is lulled to a sense of security and the prisoner gets a saw or two and then gets out.

The first jail was of brick with floors made by spiking together oak plank on edge, and very few escapes were made from it. One case the prisoner tried to go up the chimney and was stuck fast. This jail had "prison bounds." This was a square of forty rods in extent within which prisoners for debt were compelled to stay. The same thing was called prison rules in England.

In this jail was confined a man who was wanted in Virginia for taking part in a lynching affair. A friend of his came by and threatened the jailer with a double barreled shot-gun, and took the prisoner with him.

In the eighties the county built a jail out of Knapps Creek sandstone. The walls were massive and except that it had a tendency to take the life out of prisoners owing to a lack of proper ventilation and other sanitary conditions, it was not a bad jail. A man named Gray was confined in the jail by a justice for some irregularity about a mule. A county boy was in the same cell owing to

# JEROME KELLISON

Very Kindly has a Photograph Taken before Skipping



JEROME KELLISON

Escaped from Marlinton jail the night of November 12, 1901. Wanted for murder. Small rather heavy set man, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, weighs perhaps 130 lbs., round face, black hair. Will probably seek refuge in coal mining districts.

some obstinacy about paying a fine in a misdemeanor case. Gray reached through the door and sawed off the padlock with his pocket-knife. His cell-mate was found bound and gagged. As the prisoner who escaped was a small man and the man who was bound and gagged a much bigger one, the county always thought there was some dupackery about this escape.

When the jail at Marlinton was built, the contractor from way down south was full of guile. He had the contract for the new courthouse and jail, and the county court had driven a hard bargain with him. He then proceeded to do some things he ought not to have done, and leave undone others he ought to have done. The county was not altogether satisfied with the job but they came out so much better than other counties near by that that was something of a consolation.

Jails were specialties with this contractor. He assured everyone in reach that he had patented a process for hardening steel so that no tool could make the slightest impression on it. The rivet holes had to be bored or punched before the bar was hardened, otherwise it would not have been possible to get rivet holes. Then he had another process which tempered steel so that it could not be broken. It would bend but it was so tough that it never could be broken. He would take prominent citizens to the jail and show them that a cold chisel had no effect on his bars.

With such a web and woof he wove such a steel cage that the man who was incarcerated therein had as well lay down and die, as far as any hope of escape was concerned. He would allow any person any tools he chose and if he escaped in twenty-four hours he would give him \$50. A blacksmith in the Levels heard about it and came up to try it but the contractor had escaped.

In those days we Marlinton citizens would point with pride to our Bastille and claim that the day of trouble with prisoners was over. Armstrong and Cumberland, a firm who were afterwards convicted of robbery, were among the first to feel the hopelessness of being confined in this jail. They waited until spring and watching their chance, locked their jailer up and came away.

They made good their escape about dusk but three inches of rain falling that night, they became so confused that they wandered in a circle and were only four miles from Marlinton the next morning, and were captured the same day on Williams River.

Then there was a man named Roberts who married a young girl and who in a drunken frenzy had beaten her half to death. He got saws from some source and cut out one night with another prisoner who was in for something or other.

Then George Pennington who had stolen a horse was in a cell on the lower floor. He saw the outside door of the upstairs cell was open, so he dug through the cement forming the floor and got out.

In the escape of Kellison last week a saw figured, as one of the bars was cut off clean. These saws are procured of firms furnishing jewelers with tools and are very diminutive affairs. There are many ways in which they are smuggled into jails. They may be concealed in plug tobacco, in

the seams of clothing, in the soles of shoes or in any of the many things that friends usually send in to the unfortunate men who are behind the bars.

In this instance, however, we have an idea that the tools were passed in through the window of the corridor. No one knows what sort of receptions the prisoners may have held in the watches of the night when a friend could have come to the jail and in the rear and talked through the broken window, with a ten foot pole, passed anything to the prisoner. Of the eight prisoners who have escaped from the jail six are still at large.

The great mistake that has always been made by the jailers is that they have overestimated the strength of the jail. They will have to set up with their prisoners or tie a watch-dog in the back yard or something of that sort after this, for every prisoner will come in with an idea that he can get out when he wants to.

## A CORNER IN CORN.

It almost makes one's mouth water to hear of what a good President Mexico, our sister Republic, has in Senator Diaz.

It was once a crime in good old England to speculate in food supplies, those who did so in wheat or any other staple food were speedily and severely punished.

President Diaz has recently taught such speculators what he thinks of corners in bread stuffs. Corn and beans are the main food staples of Mexico, and when the cost of either is forced up much suffering results among the people.

Speculators recently planned a corner in corn and when it caused a frightful rise in bread the President determined to interfere. In the first place he judged the railroads to make a sudden and sweeping reduction of the corn freight. Then through the government officials and agents he bought up vast quantities of corn in every part of Mexico and put it on the market at hardly one-third of the price the corn conspirators were charging. Corn then fell to the price it was selling at before it was cornered.

The speculators in food supplies found themselves with many bushels on hand for which they had paid much more than what became the ruling market price. Many of them were financially ruined, and all of them lost heavily.

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WHERE WILL MODERNS LAND? It is the impression made on the mind of most any observant reader of the public journals that one of the recent occurrences most talked about by everybody was the feat of going over Niagara Falls in a barrel and coming out alive, performed by a widow lady from Texas, aged about fifty years.

This is a sign of something the matter with the public taste, and the thoughtful reader may justly inquire what does the sign signify? It looks as if our nation might be getting as high as it might be possible for it to rise in the way of culture and civilization and that it is about ready to go down on the other side of the grand heights it has been aiming to reach during the eventful 19th century.

History teaches that when Greece had attained the climax of her culture the people of her metropolis, Athens, cared for nothing so much as to see, hear or tell some new thing. When Rome, the mistress of nations, had reached her highest civilization

the citizenship found nothing more to their taste or had more rapturous seasons of joyous delight than when witnessing the battles to a finish of wild beasts, or more enjoyable still, seeing some human being torn to pieces by Numidian lions.

Is such a strange, morbid taste the characteristic culminating evidence of human civilization as represented by Rome and Greece, names that are synonymous with the highest culture ever attained by human genius, and for ages studies as models of all that is meant by human culture and refinement in its most attractive types.

That was a wonderful expression of one of the most wonderful men of all time. "So we ripe and rot and rot." It is sad to think that the development of civilization looks as if it is merely a ripening and ripening and a rotting and rotting.

There is too much reason for thinking that this ripening and ripening and rotting and rotting is about all that centuries of slow progress, of education on conventional lines, and workshops of the highest efforts of the human intellect will have to show in modern times, or in other words, all of this so called modern civilization may result only in the triumphant development of all that is lowest and poorest in human nature.

W. T. P.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, now poses before the country as a person having a delicate sense of propriety and fearlessly honest. He was honored by a request to pronounce an eulogy upon our lamented President at a public demonstration near his home. He declined the invitation in this handsome manner: "I think the eulogy on the President should be delivered by a person who was in full accord with him upon the principal political measures of his administration. I never questioned his absolute sincerity, his devotion to the public welfare, his love of liberty and his desire to do his duty as God gave him to see it. I was in full accord with him on the great fiscal measures with which he was identified. But as you know I differ with him and his administration—and my opinion on that subject has been strengthened, not weakened, in the lapse of time—in regard to his policy in dealing with the Philippine Islands."

## 30 Days at Lewisburg.

The case of the United States v. W. A. Sharp for using the mails to present a forged check at the Bank of Marlinton ended in the confession of the prisoner, and a sentence of 30 days in jail at Lewisburg and costs. There was a disposition to be lenient by all persons to the prisoner who was an overworked and underpaid minister of the gospel with a large family.

## Desist to Locate Here.

Dr. M. Stout, a dentist from Kenova, will locate in Marlinton about December 1st. Dr. Stout has been in the active and successful practice of dentistry since 1866 and comes highly recommended. He has been located in Chicago but has been compelled to go to the mountains for his health.

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## ESTRAY NOTICE.

Estray on my place on Brown's Creek, one light gray mare, low in order, looks to be 12 or 14 years old. Owner can have mare by proving property, paying cost of keeping from November, 1, 1901, and cost of advertising. H. P. McLaughlin, Huntersville, W. Va. Nov. 18, 1901.

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2d Sunday,—Marlinton 11 a. m. Mt Pleasant 3 p. m.

3d Sunday,—Huntersville 11 a. m. Bethel 3 p. m. Mt Vernon 7.30 p. m.

4th Sunday,—Mt Pleasant 11 a. m. Marlinton 8 p. m.

## Fall & Winter Are Here:

So is my Fall and Winter Stock of Clothing, Shoes, Underwear, Hats Caps, Cordsuroys, Overcoats, Rubbers, Rubber Boots, Felt, Umbrellas, Heavy Duck Coats, Telescopes, Trunks, Suit Cases, Satchels, Mackinaw Coats, Sweaters, Cardigan Jackets, Gloves, Overalls and Overall Jackets.

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I have bought a large lot of sample under wear which I will sell at wholesale prices, that is: A regular 50c shirt for 40c, and a 25c shirt for 19c, and boys heavy fleece lined undershirts of 19c. Call and let me show you them you do not have to buy if they do not suit you and any thing you buy here if you are not suited or if it does not fit, you can always get your money back.

Instead of advertising so extensively, I give you what others pay out for advertising on the goods you buy from me.

J. A. Hoover

Marlinton, W. Va.

## Furniture and Undertaking.

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